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(i) Damaged by M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.

Area affected

No. of cable pairs damaged

Man Singh Road, Tilak Marg, Tilak Lane, 5232 (approx) CGO Complex, Janpath Road, Subramaniam Bharti Marg, Feroz Shah Road, Behind Paras Cinema, Purana Quila Road, Defence Colony, Lodhi Road, Shahjahan Road, Chanakyapuri Area, Connaught Place, MS Flats, Canning Road, Mathura Road, Bhagwan Dass Road, etc.

(ii) Damaged by M/s Netware Infosys Pvt. Ltd.

Area affected

No. of cable pairs damaged

Tolstoy Marg covered in the area of Connaught Place, Vandana Bldg., Himalaya House, American Centre, ECE House, New Delhi House, Ashoka Estate, Akashdeep Nirmal Tower, World Trade Centre, Jeevan Prakash, Scindia House etc. 5400 (approx)

- (d) These companies have not been given cable laying job by MTNL. They are other licenced service providers.
- (e) Yes, Sir. Supervision and patrolling of major cable routes is carried out in MTNL. Delhi but in most of these cases the digging by machines using trenchless technology was carried out by the agencies without intimation to the MTNL authorities.

Losses suffered by MTNL due to bogus exchanges

- 1739. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that a few illegal telephone exchanges are running in the walled city of Delhi incurring huge loss to the MTNL;
- (b) whether Government had unearthed any such illegal exchange in Delhi during the last three months and if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the number of persons arrested so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Three illegal telephone exchanges have been detected after conducting raids by Delhi Police and Vigilance Cell of MTNL, during the last three months. The details are as follows:
 - (i) M/s. Shree Jee Communications, 2393/217 Chawri Bazar.
 - (ii) M/s. Kesho Ram and Sons Private Limited, 1894 Chandni Chowk, Delhi. Their equipment was seized.
 - (iii) M/s. Sawera Telecom at 2421 Naiwalan, Faiz Road, Karol Bagh.
 - (c) Two persons have been arrested by the Delhi Police Crime Branch.

Expenditure on Advertisements By MTNL

1740. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount spent by MTNL, Delhi unit and corporate office on advertisements during 2000-2001, language-wise; and
- (b) the names of Urdu newspapers and periodicals to whom advertisements of MTNL were given during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNI-CATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The amount spent by MTNL on advertisement during year 2000-2001 is as under:

	Corporate Office	Delhi Unit
English	7,35,14,498	2,26,43,253
Hindi	1,01,42,990	54,33,870
Urdu	1,90,975	74,760
Punjabi	2,49,290	8,480
Tamil	9,74,000	
Bengali	97,636	
Marathi	22,35,327	
Sindhi	9,000	

(b) MTNL, Corporate Office: